
HOUSE BILL 2959

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1 AN ACT Relating to qualifications for adult family home providers;
2 and amending RCW 70.128.120.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.128.120 and 2002 c 223 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Each adult family home provider and each resident manager shall
7 have the following minimum qualifications, except that only providers
8 are required to meet the provisions of subsection (10) of this section:

9 (1) Twenty-one years of age or older;

10 (2) For those applying after September 1, 2001, to be licensed as
11 providers, and for resident managers whose employment begins after
12 September 1, 2001, a United States high school diploma or general
13 educational development (GED) certificate or any English or translated
14 government documentation of the following:

15 (a) Successful completion of government-approved public or private
16 school education in a foreign country that includes an annual average
17 of one thousand hours of instruction over twelve years or no less than
18 twelve thousand hours of instruction;

- 1 (b) A foreign college, foreign university, or United States
2 community college two-year diploma;
- 3 (c) Admission to, or completion of coursework at, a foreign
4 university or college for which credit was granted;
- 5 (d) Admission to, or completion of coursework at, a United States
6 college or university for which credits were awarded;
- 7 (e) Admission to, or completion of postgraduate coursework at, a
8 United States college or university for which credits were awarded; or
- 9 (f) Successful passage of the United States board examination for
10 registered nursing, or any professional medical occupation for which
11 college or university education preparation was required;
- 12 (3) Good moral and responsible character and reputation;
- 13 (4) Literacy in the English language, however, a person not
14 literate in the English language may meet the requirements of this
15 subsection by assuring that there is a person on staff and available
16 who is able to communicate or make provisions for communicating with
17 the resident in his or her primary language and capable of
18 understanding and speaking English well enough to be able to respond
19 appropriately to emergency situations and be able to read and
20 understand resident care plans;
- 21 (5) Management and administrative ability to carry out the
22 requirements of this chapter;
- 23 (6) Satisfactory completion of department-approved basic training
24 and continuing education training as specified by the department in
25 rule, based on recommendations of the community long-term care training
26 and education steering committee and working in collaboration with
27 providers, consumers, caregivers, advocates, family members, educators,
28 and other interested parties in the rule-making process;
- 29 (7) Satisfactory completion of department-approved, or equivalent,
30 special care training before a provider may provide special care
31 services to a resident;
- 32 (8) Not been convicted of any crime listed in RCW 43.43.830 and
33 43.43.842; ((and))
- 34 (9) For those applying after September 1, 2001, to be licensed as
35 providers, and for resident managers whose employment begins after
36 September 1, 2001, at least three hundred twenty hours of successful,
37 direct caregiving experience obtained after age eighteen to vulnerable

1 adults in a licensed or contracted setting prior to operating or
2 managing an adult family home; and
3 (10) Prior to being granted a license, providers applying after
4 July 1, 2006, must complete a department-approved forty-eight hour
5 adult family home administration and business planning class.

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